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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact with AECASSOWARY/2 and 29 in Washington,
18 July 1968

1. The meeting was held at the request of A/2, who said he had something urgent to discuss. This was the matter concerning the contact of Stepan PROCYK by a Soviet citizen. See separate report dated 22 July in file 74-124-29/3.
2. A/4 and 29 met with Konstantin GENYK-BEREZOVSKY and his wife Zina on 5 and 6 June in Toronto, where they were visiting relatives. Konstantin is a physician in Presov, Eastern Slovakia. He and his wife are among the leaders in a politically significant Ukrainian cultural revival taking place in Eastern Slovakia. They are members of the Ukrainian branch of the Union of Slovak Writers, which publishes the Ukrainian-language bi-monthly journal Duklya. The group in which the GENYK-BEREZOVSKY's are active is in contact with liberal and dissident intellectuals in Kiev and Lvov and has materially and financially aided the families of repressed Soviet Ukrainian writers. See separate report this date for additional information concerning GENYK-BEREZOVSKYS' visit to the West.
3. In response to an invitation from a Ukrainian youth group in Bratislava, several young students from the West travelled to Czechoslovakia to participate in a gathering of Ukrainian students from 19 to 29 June in Bratislava, Svydnyk, and Presov. A/29 is waiting for a report from Daria REBET's son, who along with his wife, was present at the gathering. Others who went were Ihor Mys'ko and Mykola MYKULYAK (two American students from Minneapolis now studying in Germany), Andrey BAZYUK of Canada and Marco CARYNNYK of Philadelphia. The latter mailed a card from Czechoslovakia

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on 29 June saying that he was going to see CHERVONENKO, the Soviet Ambassador in Prague, about a visa to the Ukraine. A local newspaper interviewed the Western students in Czechoslovakia and promised to publish the text of the interview. About 25 Ukrainians in Czechoslovakia submitted their names and addresses and requested that literature be mailed to them from the West.

4. On 22-23 June there was a Festival of Ukrainian Ensembles in Svydnyk in Czechoslovakia. Two ensembles from the Ukraine were there and over 1600 individual participants. The festival turned out to be a Ukrainian national manifestation. There were over 30,000 visitors to the festival, not only from Czechoslovakia but also from the Ukraine, Poland and Yugoslavia. A seminar of Ukrainianists was held simultaneously with the festival. A committee was appointed to draft and present an appeal to Kiev to request permission to establish an international Association of Ukrainians in Kiev with a branch in Presov. Yuriy BACHA was appointed chairman and Mykola MUSHYNKA, Orest ZILINSKIY and Mykhaylo MOL'NAR members of the committee. If Kiev turns down the request, an international association will be established in Presov. A plan was adopted to hold a conference in 1969 to discuss the development of Ukrainian national consciousness.

5. A Western citizen who visited the Ukraine in May reported seeing 60-100 antennas in an area about 1/2 kilometers from the outskirts of Sholomeya, about 20 kilometers S.E. of Lvov. See separate report this date to SB/RR.

6. Dr. Mykhaylo MARUNCHAK, who is employed with the Canadian Department of Welfare, is presently visiting in Czechoslovakia. He has written two books about Ukrainians in Canada and is collecting material for a third. MARUNCHAK was in Prague during WWII and has friends in Presov. He was to go on from there to Yugoslavia and to Poland, where he hoped to visit with CYRANKIEWICZ, the Polish premier, with whom he became friends when the two were in a concentration camp.

7. In response to my question as to what was known about Vasyl' BILYAK, Slovak Communist Party head, A/29 said he is a Ukrainian, a former tailor, who finished the Party school and claims to have a Ph.D. from the school. Although of Ukrainian origin, his sentiments toward Ukrainians are very weak. A conference to establish a Ukrainian National Council

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was to be held in Presov on 25 May. Ukrainians from Prague were enroute to Presov when BILYAK telephoned local leaders and threatened that if the meeting was not cancelled things would be made difficult for the Ukrainian community, Yuri BACHA insisted that the conference be held, but others decided to take BILYAK's advice and it was cancelled. BILYAK is considered by Ukrainians to be a typical Party apparatchik. SVOBODA, on the other hand, is generally friendly toward the Ukrainians. About 60-70% of his army consisted of Ukrainians and many of his present friends are those with whom he established friendships during the war days.

8. A/29 said that over 500 volumes of literature have been mailed to the Ukrainian community in Presov in recent months, including complete sets of Suchasnist beginning with 1962. This literature was requested by the Ukrainians there, who said this was the time to get as much in to them as possible so that the literature could be made available to Soviet Ukrainians as opportunities present themselves. Receipt of the literature has been acknowledged in every instance. Most of the literature has been mailed but quite a bit has been carried by travellers. The students, for instance, who attended the students' gathering in June, took some literature with them and encountered no problems. A/2 wanted to know what the chances were to get more money for the project to permit them to transmit about \$10,000 to certain Ukrainian intellectuals in the Ukraine via the contacts in Czechoslovakia. I told him I did not feel we could ask for any extra money now and that in addition, he should submit to me all the details about any plans he has to get money to the Ukraine before he undertakes to do it. We want to know where the money would be going, to whom, how it would be transmitted and the names of all the individuals he plans to get involved. He understands, as I have explained to him more than once, that he is not to involve U.S. citizens in carrying anything into a denied area without specific permission in each and every case.

Right.
This is no
time to ask
for this kind
of money for
this purpose
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is a time)

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